

North, South Lose Cliffhangers

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FROM THE BRIDGE

Ruffell Best of All-Time Tartars

By BILL SCHIPPER—Sports Editor

All-star teams have been occupying much of the sports spotlight lately, and while I think they are often overdone or over-rated, I have come up with one of my own.

Mine is an "all-time" all-star team, concerning what I believe to be the greatest ensemble of basketball talent produced at Torrance High, although it is made up of players exclusively from the post-war era.



RICH RUFFELL

Moon ('54), Jerry Mathews ('57), and Gene Crenshaw ('58).

Although there have been a countless number of outstanding basketball players at Torrance, I defy anyone to come up with a collection of talent to beat this mythical team.

Running down the list, I'll mention a few of the deeds the seven accomplished:

Bill Baron—Led the Bay League in scoring for the '51 season, hitting for 219 points for a 15.6 average. Had a total of 294 points for 19 games. Went on to El Camino to become an accomplished scorer, then became one of the nation's leading point producers later at Long Beach State.

Bob Chambers—Scored a total of 415 points in two seasons on the varsity, 220 during his senior year in 1949, when the sport was played quite differently from the way it is done now.

Paul Smith—A tall, slender left-hander, Smith poured 435 points into the nets in two seasons as a teammate of Chambers when the Tartars played all of their home games in the old girls' gym. Led the team in scoring in '49 with 279 points in 18 games, an average of 15.5.

Ruffell Greatest

Rich Ruffell—Probably the greatest cager ever to perform for the old school. Remarkable Rich was all-CIF two years, and scored almost a thousand points. His deadly jump shots helped to lead Torrance to its only CIF playoff season, in '57, when he scored 507 points in 29 games, led the Bay League in scoring (246), and was third in CIF scoring. He is currently a top star on the champion University of Utah Skyline Conference team.

Bob Moon—Outstanding floor and team leader for the '53 and '54 seasons, Moon was probably the school's best until Ruffell came along. Led the league in scoring for the '54 season, and was all-league for two years. His 338 points his senior season in 20 games, stood as a school record. A deadly lefthanded set and jump shot ace, Moon had a 17 point average for the season, and was a top defensive player, but he never played on a winning team.

Jerry Mathews—A great overhead set shot artist and a tremendous rebounder, Mathews was Ruffell's counterpart for two seasons. He had a 15.5 league average in '57, when Torrance had probably its greatest team.

Gene Crenshaw—Holds the school scoring record of 41 points for a single game, Crenshaw was a two-year varsity veteran and one of the Bay League's outstanding stars in '58. He totaled 196 points in 10 league games, and owned a beautiful jump shot. He was the third member of the '57 "Big Three". Gene was unanimous all-Bay League in 1958, and made three all-tournament teams.

Quote of the Week

Quote of the week: "Unless pitching rules are changed or revised, regulation softball has about six more years before it'll die a natural death"—Red Moon, Torrance adult athletics director.

An "eye-opening" girls' track meet was scheduled at Aviation High yesterday, and if plans work out okay, the idea will carry over to the regular track season, according to South High coach Dick Scully.

Scully will attempt to schedule several running events for girls of opposing schools at South's home track and field meets this season. Indications point up the fact that the girls are all for this type of thing.

Short Lived

Question of the week: What former Torrance High athlete held the world's high jump record and for how long?

Answer is Bill Stewart, who jumped 6'10 3/8" at Provo, Utah in April of 1941. However, he held the then world's record for little over one hour that same afternoon. Les Steers, jumping in Seattle, cleared the height by less than half an inch—13/32 to be exact, according to a back issue of the Herald.

Stewart, then only 19, may have gone on to become one of the world's greatest high jumpers. But, a fighter pilot, he was killed during World War II.

South Bees Trim Hawthorne, 43-34

Coach Jerry McIlvaine's Timm (6) - C - Hingswrth (3) South High bee basketballers scored an impressive 43-34 win over Hawthorne Tuesday for a 2-1 non-league record.

South (43) Hawthorne (34)
Delaporte (11) - F - Cross (12)
Anderson (10) - F - Hartig (9)

Saxons Nipped By Gundo 54-53

What could and should be North High's most successful basketball team will carry a burdensome and unattractive 1-4 non-league record onto the floor Friday and Saturday for two weekend games, after being shaved for a one-point defeat by El Segundo Tuesday, 54-53, in the Saxon gym.

Coach Bill Wood's cagers host Ventura tomorrow night then trek to Lennox High on Saturday eve for what promises to be a rewarding trip. Lennox has never been much of a threat in basketball.

Ventura, however, has always been tough.

The Saxons rallied in the final two minutes Tuesday to erase a five-point deficit but a free throw by El Segundo's Larry Matlock stood up as the difference.

North displayed a consistent and accurate outside shooting attack, with Sam Edwards and Ron Combs hitting the cords on long set and jump shots. Combs had 19 points on eight field goals and three free throws, while Davidson had six floor shots and four charity baskets.

Combs is the only senior on the team.

The Eagles scored two "gift" lay-ins after pass interceptions and a free throw in the final two minutes of play and staved off two field goals by North's Nick Hanlon and Edwards from the top of the key to pull it out.

North took the JV aftermath, 32-27, and swept the class B and C games.

El Segundo (54) North (53)
Kula (2) - F - Davidson (0)
Matlock (19) - F - Edwards (16)
Jones (3) - C - Combs (19)
Dubie (15) - G - Golphenee (4)
Fascia (10) - G - Mance (4)
El Segundo ... 6 19 14 14 - 54
North High 10 15 11 12 - 53
Scoring subs—El Segundo: Traweck (5), North: Clements (2), Hanlon (2), Jacobs (6).

Camino Cagers Meet Hancock Friday Night

Still in search of their first road victory, El Camino's basketballers—journey to Santa Maria tomorrow night to tackle Hancock Junior College, rated one of the biggest and best teams in the state.

El Camino Coach George Stanich's five has proved it can handle the big boys even though lacking in height. The Warriors have a 3-3 record, including a 69-62 loss to Cerritos Tuesday.

Jack Runyon, 5' 11" Camino guard, has shown the Warriors backcourt versatility and a sharp shooting eye, as he tallied 27 markers against Glendale on Friday and picked up 20 points in the Riverside fray Saturday evening.

With Runyon and forward Harry Dinnel paving the way, the Tribe has shown plenty of pre-conference potential as the Warriors await the annual Sam Barry Tournament, Dec. 26-30.

Coach Stanich started George Plante at center Saturday night and moved Dinnel back to his old forward position in a move to combat the Tribe's main headache, lack of height. Plante responded with a masterful performance, scoring 12 points while doing yeoman work on the backboards. Dinnel proved equally at home at his forward berth, registering 16 markers, and cleanly blocked six Riverside shots and controlled the rebounding.



BACKCOURT ACE—El Camino's Jack Runyon, an Inglewood High product, directs Warriors' fastbreak attack. The 5'9" guard has turned into a scoring whiz, with 47 points scored in two weekend games. He will accompany team to Santa Maria in game against powerful Hancock JC.

Canoemanship Classes Held At Rec. Dept.

Canoemanship will be taught to Torrance-area youngsters in a course due to be organized at 8 p.m. at the Torrance Recreation Department, Room No. 7, 1511 Cravens Avenue.

Co-sponsored by the Torrance Recreation Dept. and the American Red Cross, the course is open to either boys or girls who have either a Red Cross life-saving card or a Scout life-saving badge. He said the class may result in a canoeing trip down the Colorado River this spring.

Basketball Registration On Saturday

The Redondo Boys' Club has announced that it will register boys for its 1959-60 basketball programs, Saturday, at the Redondo High School gymnasium.

President J. J. Austin said that signups will begin at 2 p.m. The gym is open to the Boys' Club from 2-6.

Teams will be organized for league play on pee-wee, biddy, and junior high levels, Austin said. At least 10 teams will be formed.

Boys 9-14 years of age desiring to compete in the Boys' Club basketball program are asked to register Saturday. Tennis shoes and shorts must be worn to play on the high school floor.

A basketball workshop will begin at 10 a.m., with instruction offered in the fundamentals of the game, Austin said.

Four pee-wee, four biddy, and two junior high teams will be uniformed for play soon.

PARK AREA
Yosemite national park is about the area of Rhode Island.

Mannix Injured In 54-52 Loss

South High dropped its second cliffhanger in a row to a Bay League basketball team Tuesday, 54-52, but lost more than a ball game when starting guard Jim Mannix badly injured his ankle after a spill on an attempted layin.

Mannix, a junior two-year veteran, could be lost to the team for as much as a month, according to Coach Jim Hanny, whose club suffered a third straight loss, at Hawthorne.

South is host to tough Redondo High this afternoon in the Spartans' new gym, which has been used for everything but basketball this semester. Game time is 3 p.m.

Dangerous Joe Austin, hitting consistently on long set, jump, and drive-in shots, scored 26 points to lead South's scoring attack against Hawthorne.

Austin was braced by a nine point effort by Cliff Roy, and Mannix scored 8 before leaving the game, but the scoring support ended there.

The Spartans have an 0-3 record after losing decisively to Mira Costa, Morningside (40-39) and Hawthorne.

Mannix received his injury as he went up for a lay-in basket, then hit the floor and was fallen upon. He was not in school Wednesday as doctors checked the bad sprain.

"He could be out for a month," Coach Hanny said. "But he's a real good competitor, and you never know if he'll be back in there next week."

Mannix was all-Crescent League last year and one of the team's top scorers.

Hawthorne (54) South (52)
Hoel (14) F Mannix (8)
Lent (10) F Andrews (3)
Brickers (14) C Austin (26)
Kerns (4) G Mewborn (2)
Carroll (1) G Roy (9)

Score by quarters:
Hawthorne—
12 18 12 12—54
South High—
13 14 6 19—52

Scoring subs—Hawthorne: Keirleber (2), Peterson (7), Nacbandia (2). South: Wood (4).

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
Redondo at South (3 p.m.)
FRIDAY
Chadwick vs. Lutheran Montgomery at Valley Christian
Mira Costa at Torrance Ventura at North
SATURDAY
North at Lennox

'Yancey' Smith Fights Monday At Long Beach

By BOB WILTON
Herald Staff Writer

With a red brocade vest and iron in his fists Ray "Yancey" Smith, Torrance heavyweight boxer, is moving up the fistic



ROY 'YANCEY' SMITH
... In Brocade Vest

ladder and hopes to soon meet some of the top heavies in the business in main event bouts.

Smith will exchange his "riverboat" garb for ring togs Monday when he climbs through the ropes for the semi-main go with "Gentleman Jim" MacArthur on Promoter Ron Waller's boxing show in Long Beach Civic Auditorium.

MacArthur, a 233-pound batter, outweighs Smith by 36 pounds, but is on the short end of ringsiders' 8 to 5 odds.



TORRANCE WRESTLERS—Adolph Duran and Robin Moffitt (left) and Tom McMasters and Dave Fiorelli are instructed in basic mat hold by Tartar coach Bill Hoag. All are returning lettermen to team. Torrance is host school for Pioneer League's annual novice wrestling tournament, tomorrow in the boys' gym. (Herald photo)

Redondo Edges Torrance Hi

Redondo, pre-rated as one of the tougher wrestling teams in the CIF this year, edged Torrance 24-17 in a dual non-league wrestling match Tuesday at Torrance.

98—Rigger (R) dec. Yanase (T), 7-0.
106—Anderson (R) dec. Pullivan (T), 4-0.
115—Duran (T) pinned Robertson (R), 57 sec.
123—Blasic (R) dec. Goins (T), 8-3.
130—Leonardo (R) dec. Patterson (T), 9-7.
136—Dobrick (T), A. Salsido (R), draw, 2-2.
141—Woodward (T), Sult (R) draw, 1-1.
148—M. Salsido (R) dec. McMaster (T), 2-0.
157—Fiorelli (T) dec. Hooper (R), 3-1.
168—Tilly (T) and Tomas (R) draw, 2-2.
183—Singer (T) dec. Servini (R), 5-3.
Heavyweight—Smith (R) dec. Gertis (T), 7-3.

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